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Births and Deaths—Registration of—Permits—Burial. (Ord. 5245, Mar. 5, 1913.)

SEC. 12. Every physician, midwife, and other person who may professionally assist or advise at any birth shall within one week make a report of such birth to the health officer, and therein enter the time and place, ward, and street of such birth, and the sex and color of the child born, and the name and residence of each of the parents, so far as the foregoing facts can be ascertained. And every physician or professional adviser who has attended any person at the last illness, or has been present by request at the death of any person, shall within 36 hours make a report to the health officer of such death, stating the cause thereof and specifying the date, hour, and place of such death. Proper blanks for the above shall be furnished by the health officer. At the end of each month when the health officer makes his report to the city council he shall transmit therewith all reports of births and deaths to the city clerk, who shall keep a record of the same.

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SEC. 25. The burial of any person who may die of any of the diseases named or provided for in section 3 of this ordinance must take place within 24 hours after such death, and when practicable should take place in the night.

SEC. 26. Whenever any person shall die within the city of Tacoma it shall be the duty of the physician attending such person during his or her last sickness, or of the coroner, when the case comes under his official notice, to furnish and deliver to the undertaker, or other person superintending the burial of such deceased person, a certificate in writing duly signed setting forth, as far as the same may be ascertained, the name, age, color, sex, nativity (giving State or country), occupation, whether married or single, cause, date, and place of death (giving street and number) and duration of sickness of said deceased. And it shall be the duty of the undertaker or other person in charge of the burial of such deceased person to forward said certificate, with a report of the place of burial to the health officer, within 24 hours after such death: *Provided*, That in case of death from any infectious or contagious disease said certificate shall be so made and forwarded within 12 hours thereafter.

SEC. 27. No interment or disinterment of the dead body of any human being or disposition thereof in any tomb, vault, or cemetery shall be made without a permit therefor granted by the health officer. And no sexton, undertaker, or other person shall bury or cause to be buried the body of any deceased person except in such grounds as are now known and used as burial grounds, or such as shall be hereafter by law designated and authorized to be used as such.

SEC. 28. No dead body or part of a dead body of any human being shall be in any manner carried or conveyed from, in, to, or through the city of Tacoma by any person, or by means of any boat, vessel, car, stage, or other vehicle, or by any public or private conveyance, without a permit therefor first granted by the health officer: *Provided*, That the same effect may be given by the said health officer to a burial or transit permit issued by the proper authority of any other place or jurisdiction when the death of the person named in the permit shall have occurred within such place or jurisdiction.

SEC. 29. Whenever a permit for burial is applied for in case of death without the attendance of a physician, or if it be impossible to obtain a physician's certificate, it shall be the duty of the health officer to investigate the cause and circumstances of such death, to make and sign the certificate required by section 26 of this ordinance, and if not satisfied as to the cause and circumstances of such death he shall refer the case to the coroner. It shall be the duty of the coroner within 3 days after the taking of any inquest to file a written statement with the said health officer, properly signed and attested, stating, so far as he is able, where and upon the body of whom such inquest was held and the cause and date and place of death of such person.